

SkillsUSA Kentucky regions prepare for state conference

Each year, SkillsUSA Kentucky advisors across the 15 regions of the commonwealth concentrate on getting their students ready for local and regional competitions. It's the time when hard work in the classroom, determination to succeed and skill pay off for both teachers and students. Each of the competitions serve as a prelude to the state leadership and skills conference – April 1-4, 2008 in Louisville. It's the final leg before Kentucky sends its best to nationals.



“It’s a busy time of year for our membership – and a demanding environment for our regional SkillsUSA Kentucky directors,” said Steve Phillippi, SkillsUSA state director. “I tip my hat to each of these people because of what it takes to hold a regional competition including - securing a location for each contest, finding chairmen and judges, tabulating scores, awards and certificates, food, and submitting the required documentation. It’s an involved process. We are lucky to have so many dedicated individuals working across this state to give all of our students an opportunity to compete and succeed.”

Phillippi:



“I want to personally thank all of our secondary and postsecondary SkillsUSA regional and district directors. They have all worked hard to make our Kentucky SkillsUSA organization one of the best in the country and it’s because of what takes place at the front line.”

Collegiate/Postsecondary Division

Joe Asher, Somerset CC-Laurel Campus
Kaye Swanner, Somerset CC – Laurel Campus
Doug Vanover, Ashland CTC
Don Tackett, Ashland CTC
Jane Masse, Elizabethtown TC
Bobby Bow, Elizabethtown TC
Claude Gross, Bluegrass CTC
Sheree Koppell, Louisville Technical Institute
Joe Eames, Jefferson CTC
Greg Guinn, Jefferson CTC
Grant Gambrel, Jefferson CTC
Jane Reed, Maysville CTC
Daniel Burnett, Somerset CC
Brandi Coomer, Somerset CC
Ruth Gray, Caldwell County ATC



High School/Secondary Division

Joe Amann, C.E. McCormick ATC
Jennifer Stafford, Carroll County ATC
James Hardin, Southside Technology Ctr.
Joe Norman, Eastside Technology Center
Mickey Williams, Russell ATC
Richard L. Atwell, Green County ATC
Rodney Nokes, Lake Cumberland ATC
Mitch Cundiff, Russellville ATC
Faye Campbell, Meade County ATC
Ken Talley, Vanhoose Education Center
Jan Mouser, Iroquois High School
Joe Asher, SCC-Laurel Campus South
Jerry Hollon, Lee County ATC
Barbara Ison, Letcher County ATC
Ruth Gray, Caldwell County ATC
Arthur Dunn, Caldwell County ATC
Rodney Albin, Ohio County ATC



Joe
Norman
and
Steve
Phillippi



Many regions experienced difficulties conducting their competitions this year due to adverse weather conditions. Many directors had the unpleasant task of trying to reschedule – while trying to meet the needs of everyone.

“Weather is the one element out of our control,” said North Central Region – South district coordinator Joe Norman. “We were forced to reschedule our regional competition and we all worked extremely hard to provide students with an opportunity to compete. The advisors were called upon for double duty. They were a tremendous help in making the whole process bearable. As a result, we are proud that our region will be well represented at state conference.”



Phillippi and Daniel Moore, Kentucky SkillsUSA State vice-president. Daniel is a student at Eastside Technical Center.



Marci O'Bryan, Eastside TC (left) provides an agenda and instructions for student competitors.



Norman:

“Winning a SkillsUSA Kentucky competitive event might be the only recognition a student will receive during his or her high school career. So, we work hard to provide each of our student winners with the best avenue of recognition possible. It’s all about the students.

“Part of being recognized involves prizes. This year we were extremely fortunate that NAPPA wanted to contribute to the automotive technology, diesel, collision and power equipment contests.

“Mr. Jim Whitmore, the NAPPA district manager; Ms. Bonnie Mink, NAPPA store in Lexington and Mr. Doug Schneider, a NAPPA sales representative all worked together to provide approximately \$1,500 worth of tools for prizes. It was an outstanding addition to our regional competition.

“Our first place winners in each contest received a tool set, second place winners received a wrench set and third place winners received a screwdriver set.

“Not only did this make an impression on our students in receiving the prize, it also made a difference because they will remember that NAPPA sponsored the event.”

Meet some of the North Central Region – South District winners



***Job Interview – 1st place
Kayla Fryer, Clark Co. ATC***



***Above: Quiz Bowl (team)
Eastside - 1st place.
(l to r): Chris Fightmaster, Ashley Stuckey, Mr. Joe
Norman (ETC principal), Zachery Slone, and Loretta
Wallace.***



***Kristen Arvin
Eastside TC
Job Demo Open
1st place***



***Amber Dufour, Eastside TC
Creed – 1st place.***



***Righter Dundon
Franklin Co. CTC
Prepared Speech
1st place***



***Above: Nick Farler
Franklin Co. CTC
Extemporaneous
Speaking – 1st place***



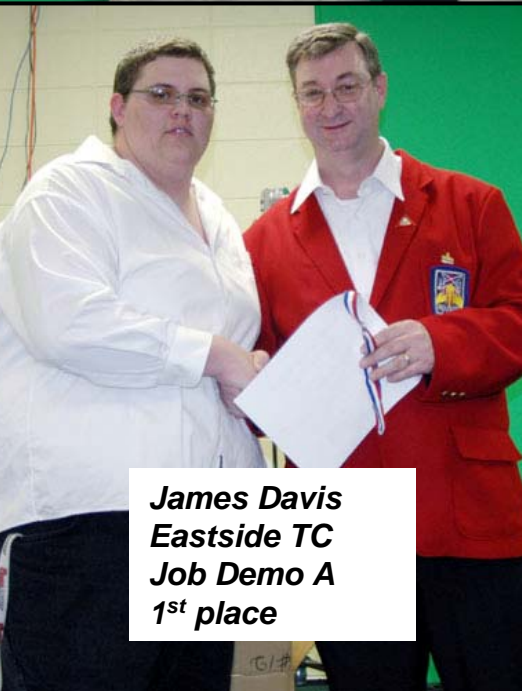
***Above: Shelby Gelhausen
Franklin Co. CTC
Pledge – 1st place***



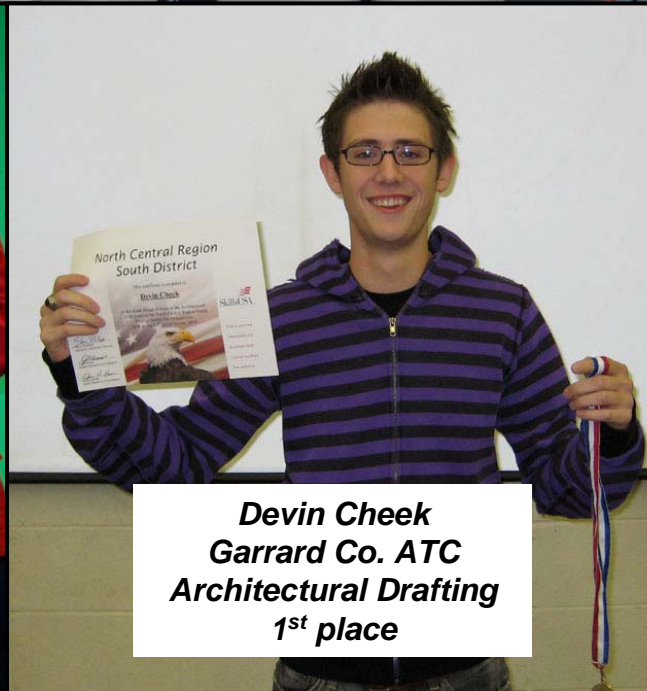
***Above: Joe Parrish
Franklin Co. CTC
Poster – 1st place***



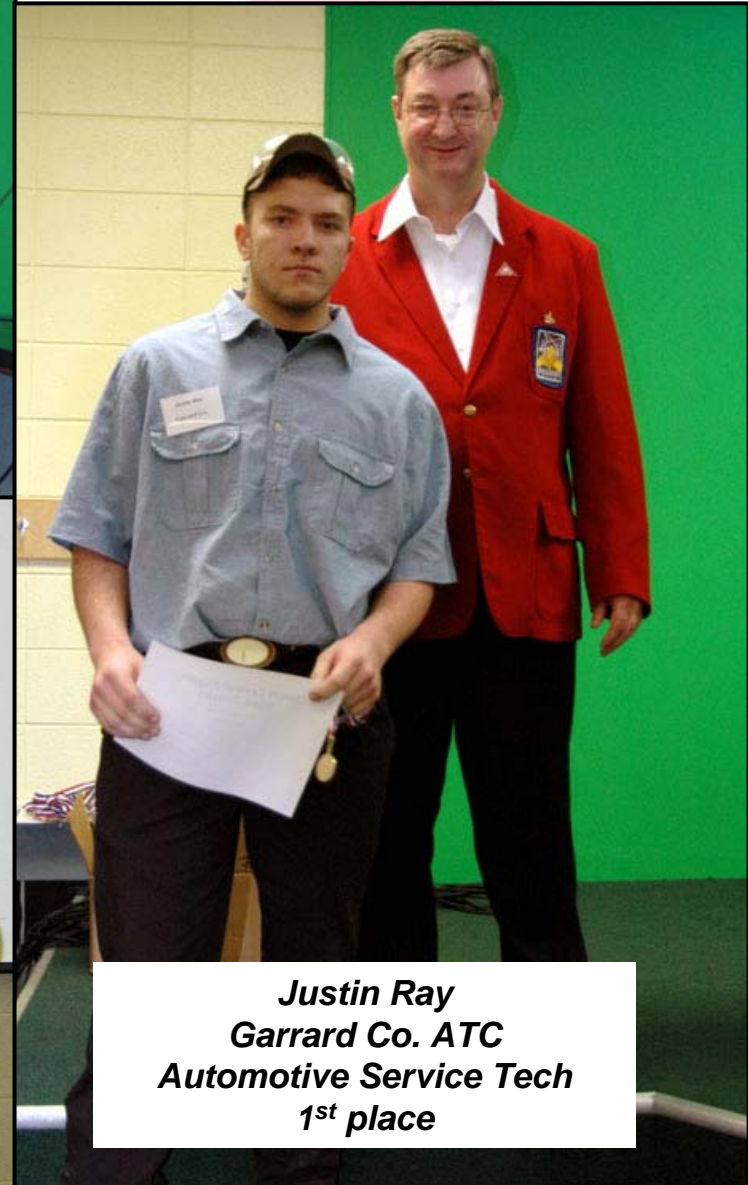
**At left: Residential Wiring – 1st place
Hughes Jones - Harrodsburg ATC
(l to r): Patrick Sims, Blake Sexton
and Drew Young.
Back row: Mr. Joe Norman**



**James Davis
Eastside TC
Job Demo A
1st place**



**Devin Cheek
Garrard Co. ATC
Architectural Drafting
1st place**



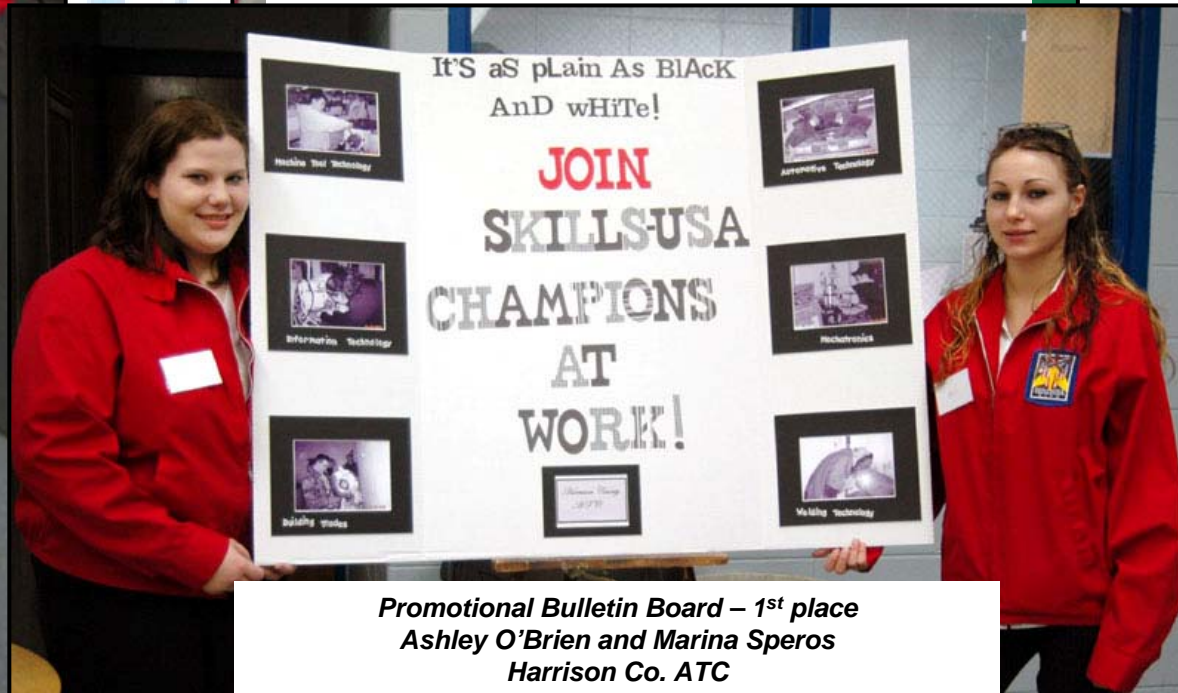
**Justin Ray
Garrard Co. ATC
Automotive Service Tech
1st place**



Chelsey Choate
Harrison Co. ATC
Welding Sculpture
1st place



Mechatronics (team) – 1st place
Harrison Co. Area Technology Center
(l to r): Brett Vanlandingham,
Mr. Joe Norman and Daniel Thornton



Promotional Bulletin Board – 1st place
Ashley O'Brien and Marina Speros
Harrison Co. ATC

Lincoln County ATC Winners



***Left to right: Jeffrey Carlson, Technical Computer Applications – 1st place
Adam Culbertson, Computer Maintenance Technology – 1st place
Casey Reed, Cabinetmaking - 1st place
Michael Smith, Precision Machining - 1st place.***



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